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SUBJECT: TEXACO REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY USN/AF ASSISTANCE.

1. FOLLOWING INQUIRY RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM TEXACO MAURITIUS
PROJECT MANAGER: QTE: TEXACO INTENDS TO START DRILLING OPERATIONS
(OFF MAURITIUS) DURING APRIL 1975. OUR FIRST DRILLING LOCATION
WILL BE AT APPROXIMATELY: 15 DEGREES 27 MINUTES SOUTH, 60 DEGREES
23 MINUTES EAST, WHERE THE DRILLSHIP "DOUGLAS CARVER" WILL BE
ANCHORED. FOR SUPPORTING THE DRILLING OPERATION WE WILL EMPLOY:
M.V. SCOTIAN SHORE, M.V. SCHILDTURM, M.V. BROWN FISH, S-61-N
HELICOPTER. THE SUPPLY VESSELS AND THE HELICOPTER WILL SAIL FROM
MAURITIUS VIA ST. BRANDON TO THE DRILLING LOCATION. DURING FURTHER
OPERATION WE MAY CHANGE OUR DRILLING LOCATION AND ROUTES OF SAILING
AND WILL ADVISE YOU IN DUE COURSE. WE FEEL THAT WE ARE WELL
EQUIPPED TO MEET EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, WHICH MAY ARISE DURING
THE COURSE OF OUR OPERATION, HOWEVER, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE U.S. NAVY/AIR FORCE IN CASE ASSIST-
ANCE IS REQUIRED FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE. WOULD YOU PLEASE BE SO KIND
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AS TO ADVISE US WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO GET IN CONTACT WITH

THE U.S. NAVY/AIR FORCE IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY ON VERY SHORT NOTICE.
ALL OUR SHIPS AND THE HELICOPTER ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING
RADIO FREQUENCIES: FM CHANNEL 16, AM 2182 KHZ, SSB 8814 AND 4435
KHZ, SSB RADIOS WITH ABOVE CRYSTALS ARE ALSO INSTALLED ON THE
ISLAND OF MAURITIUS. UNQTE.

2. I CONSIDER IT VERY MUCH IN US INTEREST FOR USN AND USAF TO
PROVIDE AS CONSTRUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.
I UNDERSTAND THAT MOST KEY TECHNICAL PERSONNEL ON THIS OFFSHORE
DRILLING OPERATION WILL BE AMERICAN. PLEASE ADVISE.
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